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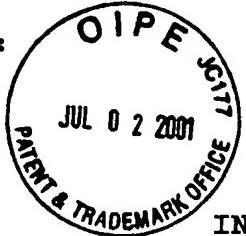
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For: RATE MATCHING CALCULATION METHOD AND RATE  
MATCHING APPARATUS



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

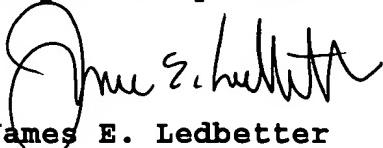
The cited document is discussed in the present application.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of

record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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